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Filed herewith by FAX and in response to the telephone interview of 2/12/04 and 2/13/04, are amendments made to claims 18, 23, 28, and 33, which were all discussed with the Examiner.

It is believed that these amendment, which are authorized to be made by Examiner's amendment, will place the case in condition for allowance. Such allowance is therefore respectfully solicited.

Respectfully
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SIRS:

Responsive to the OA of 3/4/04, please amend the above as follows:

Claims 1-17, previously cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 18-37, cancel herewith without prejudice.

Add claims 38-49 appearing in the appendix attached hereto.

REMARKS

Claims 38-49 are in the application replacing claims 18-37, which were cancelled to expedite prosecution. The new claims have been amended to avoid Section 112 problems raised by the Examiner by telephone and by the OA, and also incorporated all the changes discussed with the Examiner.

It appears that the Amendments discussed by telephone and confirmed by FAX on 2/13/04 were somehow misplaced. Thus, for the Examiner's files, a copy thereof is filed herewith. As stated the changes made during the telephonic interview have been incorporated in new claims 38-49. Thus, it is believed all of the Section 112 issues raised in this OA have been fully dealt with and the new claims are in condition for allowance.

Moreover, the claims were carefully drafted to avoid any